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Addendum

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III. PROGRAMME QUESTIONS

Proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993

Section 11B. World Food Council

1. At its 30th meeting, on 31 May, the Committee considered section 11B of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.

Discussion

2. A number of delegations noted that the activities proposed within the single subprogramme, Coordination of policies and action to combat world hunger, were similar to those included in previous programme budgets. It was pointed out that the central objective established by the 1974 World Food Conference, the eradication of hunger and malnutrition, had not been attained. Doubts were expressed as to the capacity of the World Food Council (WFC) and its secretariat to contribute effectively to the achievement of such objective. Other delegations stressed that the subprogramme deserved full support.

3. Several delegations questioned the requested requirements for consultants and contractual services, as well as office supplies and computer equipment. Some other delegations expressed their surprise at the high rental cost for the office space of WFC.

Conclusions and recommendations

4. The Committee recommended that WFC should review its activities, so that they would be more closely geared to the achievement of the objective of eradicating hunger and malnutrition.

5. The Committee also recommended that the low priority designations should be deleted from the work of the ad hoc expert groups under 2(b) and that low priority be assigned to all information activities under 3(a) and (b).

6. The Committee recommended approval by the General Assembly of the programme narrative of section 11B of the proposed programme budget for the biennium 1992-1993.